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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chairman, EIC
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Chairman, SIC
Chairman, COMOR
Chairman, IPC
Chairman, SIGINT Committee
Chairman, CCPC

SUBJECT : Priority National Intelligence Objectives

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-25.1/8, 9 August 1963
b. USIB-M-283, 14 August 1963, item 4
c. USIB-D-25.1/9, 28 August 1963
d. USIB-AM-63/37, 29 August 1963
e. DCID No. 1/3, Revised 14 August 1963,
and Quarterly Supplement thereto

1. The United States Intelligence Board (USIB), as indicated in reference b. and transmitted to you by reference d. requested the Committees of which you are Chairmen to report major modifications in procedures adopted and significant changes in actions taken or planned by your respective Committees to discharge their responsibilities with respect to the implementation of DCID No. 1/3, following its approval on 14 August 1963.

2. The following instructions are provided herewith for the guidance of the Committees in preparing the requested reports to the USIB. These instructions have been developed by the USIB Secretariat at the request of the Chairman, USIB. Mr. John Bross, Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence Programs Evaluation, is responsible for reviewing and evaluating for the DCI the actions reported upon by the USIB Committees. These reviews will be submitted to the USIB by the DCI for consideration in connection with the USIB Committee reports.

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3. In order to make your separate Committee reports generally comparable and compatible, it is requested that each Committee answer the questions set forth below regarding procedures adopted and actions taken or planned under its auspices with respect to each PNIO or Quarterly Supplement listing germane to the mission of the Committee concerned.

a. Which of the PNIOs and Quarterly Supplement listings are germane in whole or in part to your Committee's responsibilities?

b. What extra and unusual efforts, beyond normal coverage, have been made or are planned with respect to each of the PNIOs and Quarterly Supplement listings identified in a. above?

c. What problems or impediments are being encountered or anticipated in the process of implementing each of the above PNIOs and Quarterly Supplement listings?

4. In your responses, please indicate when pertinent to your terms of reference:

a. Revised priority collection or research requirements which have been derived from the above PNIOs or Quarterly Supplement listings.

b. How such requirements were identified, whether by the further analysis by research personnel described in paragraph 3 of the Foreword of DCID No. 1/3 or by other means.

c. Which revised priority collection requirements have been identified as appropriate for a particular collection system and levied upon it, with due regard to that system's operational capabilities and suitabilities.

d. Based upon revised priority collection or research requirements, any shift, augmentation, or reduction which has been taken or planned in the allocation of existing collection or research resources, or the development of new collection or processing resources.

5. In making the above request, it is recognized that the missions of the Committees vary widely in subject matter and focus and that many of the

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topics set forth in the PNIOs and the Quarterly Supplement are either outside the jurisdiction of a particular Committee or only partially applicable within a given Committee structure. For that reason, it is important in this first report that each Committee take care to include in its responses those items for which it has an assigned responsibility and those implementing actions which are clearly a part of its mission. In reporting actions taken or planned, Committees should report not only the activities actually conducted by the Committee or its subordinate interagency groups but also supporting actions by member agencies taken under the auspices of the Committee or its members.

6. The Committee reports should be submitted to the USIB Secretariat not later than 2 December 1963, for review and analysis by Mr. Bross and his Staff and for reporting to the USIB.

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Executive Secretary

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